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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the 12 references listed on the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449.

This application relies on the earlier filing date of U.S. Application No. 09/714,147. The references listed on the revised Form PTO-1449 were previously cited by the Patent Office or submitted by Applicants in the prior application. It is believed that the Examiner already has copies of the references, but copies will be provided if requested. It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the revised Form PTO-1449.

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